

**Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia****Tuesday, January 12, 2016****Second Legislative Day**

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

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|----------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| Abrams         | Coleman         | Hawkins     | Mosby         | Smith, M         |
| Alexander      | Cooke           | Henson      | Nimmer        | Smith, R         |
| Allison        | Coomer          | Hightower   | Nix           | Smyre            |
| Atwood         | Cooper          | Hitchens    | Oliver        | Spencer          |
| Ballinger      | Corbett         | Holcomb     | Pak           | Stephens, M      |
| E Barr         | Dawkins-Haigler | Holmes      | Parrish       | Stephens, R      |
| Battles        | Deffenbaugh     | Houston     | E Parsons     | E Stephenson     |
| Beasley-Teague | Dempsey         | Howard      | Peake         | Stovall          |
| Belton         | Dickerson       | Hugley      | Petrea        | Stover           |
| Bennett, K     | Dickey          | Jackson     | Pezold        | Strickland       |
| Bennett, T     | Dickson         | Jasperse    | Pirkle        | Tankersley       |
| Bentley        | Douglas         | Jones, J    | Powell, A     | Tanner           |
| Benton         | Drenner         | Jones, J.B. | Powell, J     | Tarvin           |
| Beskin         | Dudgeon         | Jones, L    | Price         | Taylor, D        |
| Beverly        | Ealum           | Jones, S    | Prince        | Taylor, T        |
| Blackmon       | Efstration      | Jordan      | Pruett        | Teasley          |
| Broadrick      | Ehrhart         | Kaiser      | Quick         | Thomas, A.M.     |
| Brockway       | England         | Kelley      | Raffensperger | Thomas, E        |
| Bruce          | Epps            | Kendrick    | Rakestraw     | Trammell         |
| Bryant         | Evans           | Kidd        | Ramsey        | Turner           |
| Buckner        | Fleming         | Kirby       | Randall       | Waites           |
| Burns          | E Floyd         | Knight      | Reeves        | Watson           |
| Caldwell, J    | Fludd           | LaRiccica   | Rhodes        | Welch            |
| Caldwell, M    | Frazier         | Lott        | Rice          | Weldon           |
| Cantrell       | Frye            | Lumsden     | Rogers, C     | Werkheiser       |
| Carson         | Gardner         | Mabra       | Rogers, T     | Wilkerson        |
| Carter, A      | Gasaway         | Marin       | Rutledge      | Wilkinson        |
| Carter, D      | Gilligan        | Martin      | Rynders       | Willard          |
| Casas          | Glanton         | Maxwell     | Scott         | Williams, A      |
| Chandler       | Gordon          | Mayo        | Sharper       | Williams, C      |
| Cheokas        | Gravley         | McCall      | Shaw          | Williamson       |
| Clark, D       | Greene          | McClain     | Sims          | Yates            |
| Clark, H       | Harden          | Meadows     | Smith, E      | Ralston, Speaker |
| Clark, V       | Hatchett        | Mitchell    | Smith, L      |                  |

Due to a mechanical malfunction, Representative Harrell of the 106th was not recorded on the attendance roll call. He wished to be recorded as present.

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Dukes of the 154th, Dunahoo of the 30th, Duncan of the 26th, Golick of the 40th, Metze of the 55th, Morris of the 156th, Setzler of the 35th, and Williams of the 87th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Olu Brown, Impact Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Cheokas of the 138th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.
2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.
3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.
6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 711. By Representatives Oliver of the 82nd, Mosby of the 83rd, Kendrick of the 93rd, Drenner of the 85th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding local government, so as to provide for the retirement of certain pension obligations; to provide for definitions; to provide for the creation of special

districts under certain circumstances for a limited period of time; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for certain taxation in connection with the retirement of such obligations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 723. By Representatives Stover of the 71st, Brockway of the 102nd, Caldwell of the 20th, Jones of the 62nd, Pezold of the 133rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the General Assembly, so as to provide that members of the General Assembly who are in office and former members of the General Assembly who have been out of office for less than one year shall be prohibited from employment in state government while in office and for a period of one year after leaving such office; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 726. By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Powell of the 32nd, Harrell of the 106th, Peake of the 141st, Duncan of the 26th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to taxes on tobacco products, so as to clarify that certain charges are not subject to state excise tax; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 727. By Representatives Battles of the 15th, Turner of the 21st, Parsons of the 44th, LaRiccia of the 169th and Kaiser of the 59th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 25 of the O.C.G.A., relating to regulation of fireworks, so as to revise provisions relating to the sale, use, or explosion thereof; to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding local government provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide for certain further regulations by counties, municipal corporations, and consolidated governments; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to taxation of consumer fireworks, so as to provide

for local excise taxation of consumer fireworks and the collection of such excise tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 728. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd and Weldon of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 and Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to stalking and the granting of relief by superior courts, respectively, so as to prohibit persons who have secured protective orders from affirmatively soliciting or inviting contact or approach from the party to which the protective order applies for the interests of public safety; to provide for exceptions; to provide for a criminal offense; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 729. By Representative Powell of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to habeas corpus, so as to provide for habeas corpus hearings by video conference; to adjust certain procedures to account for habeas corpus hearings by video conference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 730. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd and Weldon of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to add the commissioner of juvenile justice or his or her designee as a voting member of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Juvenile Justice.

HB 731. By Representatives Oliver of the 82nd, Abrams of the 89th, Hugley of the 136th, Gardner of the 57th, Kendrick of the 93rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, so as to prohibit the possession, sale, transport, distribution, or use of certain assault weapons, large capacity magazines, armor-piercing bullets, and incendiary .50 caliber bullets; to provide for crimes involving the possession, sale, transport, distribution, or use of certain assault weapons, large capacity magazines, armor-piercing bullets, and incendiary .50 caliber bullets; to provide for criminal penalties; to designate certain weaponry and ammunition as contraband and to require seizure of such by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HR 970. By Representative Battles of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Solomon T. "Sol" Dover and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 977. By Representative Powell of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Louie Morris and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 978. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Coleman of the 97th, Greene of the 151st, Trammell of the 132nd, Benton of the 31st and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Historic Site Preservation; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolution of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 701  
HB 703  
HB 705  
HR 948

HB 702  
HB 704  
HB 706  
SB 105

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Dickson of the 6th et al., Epps of the 144th, Evans of the 42nd, Peake of the 141st, Smith of the 70th et al., and Stovall of the 74th.

Pursuant to HR 971, the House commended Clayton State University and recognized January 12, 2016, as Clayton State University Day at the state capitol.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Cook, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolution of the House:

HR 967. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the Governor; inviting the Justices of the Supreme Court and the Judges of the Court of Appeals to be present at the joint session; and for other purposes.

The President has appointed as a Committee of Notification/Escort the following Senators: Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Henson of the 41st, Gooch of the 51st, Fort of the 39th, Ligon of the 3rd, and Jackson of the 24th.

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolution of the House:

HR 968. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; inviting each other Justice of the Supreme Court and each Judge of the Court of Appeals to be present at the joint session; and for other purposes.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 980. By Representatives Pak of the 108th, Burns of the 159th, Abrams of the 89th, Hatchett of the 150th and Marin of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring January 13, 2016, as Korean American Day at the State Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 981. By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Duncan of the 26th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the University of North Georgia softball team; and for other purposes.

HR 982. By Representatives Knight of the 130th, Broadrick of the 4th, Pruett of the 149th, Burns of the 159th, Shaw of the 176th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 14, 2016, as Sportsmen's and Coastal Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 983. By Representatives Knight of the 130th, Dickson of the 6th, Williams of the 119th, Pruett of the 149th, Shaw of the 176th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Corporal Casey Jones of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division on being named 2015 Ranger of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 984. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Ramsey of the 72nd, Trammell of the 132nd and Stover of the 71st:

A RESOLUTION commending the Newnan-Coweta Chamber of Commerce for winning the 2015 National Chamber of the Year Award; and for other purposes.

HR 985. By Representative Epps of the 144th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dean Palmer; and for other purposes.

HR 986. By Representative Epps of the 144th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Bleckley County High School boys cross country team; and for other purposes.

HR 987. By Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Scott of the 76th, Dunahoo of the 30th, Smyre of the 135th and Abrams of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mt. Zion Baptist Church on the occasion of its 150th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 988. By Representative Greene of the 151st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Judge Tonya Holley on the occasion of her retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 989. By Representatives Thomas of the 39th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Coomer of the 14th, Nimmer of the 178th, Thomas of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Africa Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Representative Burns of the 159th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.